

Yonezawa is directed to an apparatus and a method in which a camera icon is dragged and dropped in a selected one of display areas to assign a video image of a corresponding video camera to the selected display area. That makes it possible to display a plurality of video images in corresponding display areas as the video images are transmitted from video cameras located at remote sites. Yonezawa specifically states in describing the operation of the device therein:

With the above arrangement, a video from the video transmission terminal 20 at the remote place can be received through the network 100, and the received data can be melted and displayed at an arbitrary position on the bitmap display 135, i.e., the monitor display device.¹

However, the above-noted operation in Yonezawa differs from the claimed features. In independent Claims 1, 9, 18, 20, and 23 display data and image-display apparatuses are matched together, with the displaying order being specified that defines the order in which the display data are displayed. Specifically, as recited in independent Claim 1 a "transmission-data-generating unit [selects] specific screen data from among the set of the screen data by following the correspondence and the displaying order, and [generates] transmission data that each of said image-display data is to display based on the selected specific screen data". A transmission unit then transmits that transmission data. Independent Claims 9, 18, 20, and 23 recite similar limitations.

Those features differ from the teachings in Yonezawa as Yonezawa does not teach nor suggest specifying a display order in which display data are displayed.

¹Yonezawa at column 4, lines 18-22.

In support of the outstanding rejection the outstanding Office Action indicates that elements 500, 600, and 640 in Yonezawa correspond to the claimed "transmission-data-generating unit". However, that is not believed to be the case.

Element 500 in Yonezawa is a map window used to manage a plurality of maps 520, 530, 540.² Element 600 in Yonezawa is a video display window that includes different video display areas.³ Element 640 in Yonezawa is a camera control panel that has various camera control buttons and the like.⁴

None of those elements 500, 600, or 640 in Yonezawa teach any element that selects data "by following the correspondence and the displaying order" and thereby generating transmission data that each of the image-display data is to display based on the selected specific screen data. As stated above, in the above-noted claims the displaying order is specified that defines the order in which the display data are to be displayed, and none of elements 500, 600, and 640 in Yonezawa teach or suggest such a feature.

Further, with respect to independent Claim 10, and the claims dependent therefrom, independent Claim 10 recites that a plurality of pages of a document are assigned to respective image-display devices. Claim 10 specifically recites "a user interface that relates a specific page in the document to a specific image-display device among said image-display devices". Such a feature is neither taught nor suggested by Yonezawa as Yonezawa merely discloses assigning a plurality of video-camera images to respective display areas. Yonezawa does not teach or suggest relating a specific page in a document to a specific image-display device among plural image-display devices.

²Yonezawa at column 4, lines 59-60.

³Yonezawa at column 5, lines 17-19.

⁴Yonezawa at column 5, lines 28-30.

With respect to Claim 10, the outstanding Office Action cites the teachings in Yonezawa at column 4, lines 35-45, and column 5, lines 31-61, to meet the Claim 10 features of the "user interface". However, such teachings in Yonezawa clearly differ from the Claim 10 features.

At column 4, lines 35-45, Yonezawa discloses video reception software 412 melting video data and displaying resultant data. At column 5, lines 31-61, Yonezawa discloses the use of a graphical user interface allowing the dragging of camera icons. However, neither of those teachings in Yonezawa even address the features of Claim 10 directed to "relat[ing] a specific page in the document to a specific image-display device among said image-display devices". Thus, Yonezawa does not meet the Claim 10 limitations.

In such ways, each of independent Claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20, and 23, and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to distinguish over the teachings in Yonezawa.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

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